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New Attack on National Quarantine Structure

Cited by California's Director of Department of Agriculture as Threatening California's Freedom from Major Pests and Diseases-May Cost Millions Annually BRIEFLY—AN EXCLUDED PEST IS THE LEAST COSTLY

The importance of needed quarantine reg-ulations is shown by results attained, in an article by Director G. H. Hecke of the Cali-fornia Department of Agriculture in a recent issue of the California Citrograph. Mr. Hecke says:

Sound quarantine principles are being attacked. Having weathered onslaughts of the past, California's pest prevention system, built by 50 years of strenuous fact-finding and practical experience, faces a very serious danger from its open enemies spurred by what I regard entirely as selfish and commercial interests.

Importers Intent

Organized on a national scope, importers and others intent upon lowering the bars to plants and plant materials from foreign countries are threatening California's freedom from major pests and diseases, and are paving the way for a new attack on our national quarantine structure.

The new attack, far more dangerous than any in quarantine history, challenges every agricultural, commercial and transportation interest in California, the west and the nation. If successful, it will cost agriculture hundreds of millions of dollars every year for all time.

You all know of organized and amply financed attempts to break down our federal plant quarantine regulations in the past. Always these have been financed and engineered by those whose business was disturbed because of these protective measures.

Repulsed in former attacks, enemies of American agricultural protection today are following a roundabout method, predicated on that great calamity, the discovery of Medfly in Florida.

Tariff Attempt Foiled

Recently there was foiled an attempt to emasculate the quarantine system by speaking into the pending tariff bill an innocentappearing amendment which would have deprived the secretary of agriculture of all power to forbid importation of fruits, host plants, Nursery stock and plant material from foreign countries. Watchful senators from California, Florida and Oregon caught the serious import of this amendment, notifled the secretary, who had not yet heard of it, and killed it.

That amendment was a subtle thrust from a two-edged sword, for even though failing in an attempt to thus tie the secretary's



G. H. HECKE, Sacramento, Cal., Director California Dept. of Agriculture

hands, the principle of quarantine was brought before the public in such close connection with the tariff as to create propaganda which could only besmirch our quarantine structure with the implication of commercialism. Further, if it had been adopted, it would have thrown our gates wide open to importations from everywhere, subject only to inspection of each shipment.

An Excluded Pest Least Costly

Quarantine is a primary step in pest control through prevention. An excluded pest is the least costly. It should be emphasized that opponents of rational control and eradication offer no substitute. Their theory apparently is that quarantine and control do not pay; that it is better to open our ports to free importation of every known pest; put California and the rest of the nation on a parity with pest-infested countries and take the consequences.

These opponents brush aside the fact that by vigorous enforcement, California has held the Medfly at bay for almost 20 years, despite its widespread infestation in Hawaii since 1911; that California's \$500,000,000 citrus industry has been spared attack by the citrus canker and that our 250,000-acre cotton area still is free from infestation by the boll weevil and the pink boll-worm due entirely to strenuous enforcement of wise regulatory laws.

Three Lines of Defense

If any of the men who would abolish quarantine safeguards had practical experience with fighting pests on a farm; if they owned a citrus or deciduous orchard; had an alfalfa ranch close to a highway coming from across the Sierras, or if they had owned a herd of cattle in Nevada while we were eradicating foot and mouth disease in California, they would not be so cocksure in their public utterances.

Sowing the seed of doubt as to the effectiveness of quarantine, those who oppose it arouse resentment against vitally necessary restrictions. Strengthening opposition of the ignorant and encouraging violations by the careless, they strike at the heart of the system upon which California prosperity is based.

Quarantines are practical. Interceptions of the Mediterranean fruit fly at our ports, to use a single illustration, are not an uncommon occurrence. From our beginnings in quarantine we have evolved our present more efficient practice which affords three lines of defense. First, Quarantine, the primary phase of pest control, to exclude major pests and diseases. Second, Inspection or survey by means of which we search for such invaders within our borders in case they should by chance break through. Third, Eradication campaigns for the elimination of dangerous pests before they have had time to assume such extensive proportions as to make eradication impractical.

Can Be But One Quarantine

I repeat, there can be but one quarantine policy. Past experience and present needs indicate that quarantine should be established only when economic benefit to a region, state or country by excluding dangerous pests clearly outweighs the inconvenience, expense and loss which such quarantines may cause. But when once established the greatest vigilance must be exercised to maintain its efficacy. Briefly-an excluded pest is the least costly!

H. B. Tukey, horticulturist, N. Y. State Expt. Sta., Geneva, in a recent article for information of the planting public, tells how to handle Nursery stock upon delivery.

Nurseryman's Honor Is Vigorously Defended

Lively Interest in Controversy Regarding Growing Quality of Black Walnut—Proof That the Tree Will Beat the Apple in Bearing

The honor of a Nurseryman, the late J. F. Jones, well-known nut and fruit specialist, Lancaster, Pa., long a member of the American Association of Nurserymen, the Northern Nut Growers Association, and other horticultural organizations, was questioned last month by one of his customers, a life member of the Northern Nut Growers Association, Robert H. Montgomery, prominent attorney of New York City, who had planted trees from the J. F. Jones Nursery on his property in Cos Cob, Conn., and had been unsuccessful in their culture.

In a letter to the official journal of the Northern Nut Growers Association Mr. Montgomery said:

I have been reading the American Nut Journal for some years with some interest. At first I had some confidence in the articles regarding the raising of nut trees, but my confidence during the last year or two has been sadly shaken.

I think you make a great mistake in publishing pictures which I think must be faked to a considerable extent. For instance the full page which you devote to a five-year-old walnut tree in the April number is, in my opinion, not only not based on fact, but your comparison with apple trees is wholly inaccurate. Some years ago I bought fifteen or twenty black walnut trees from Jones, paying \$10 each for them. I also bought some hickory trees. On my place in Connecticut there are many native black walnut and hickory trees growing profusely, so the land must be all right. We planted the trees in various locations and have given them every care and attention. Most of them grew a few inches each year. The best of them have not even approximated the growth of the much younger tree of which you show what seems to be a picture.

I also started an orchard of apple, pear, plum and peach trees about the same time. They have all grown well and bear excellent fruit in good quantities.

You ask why planters hesitate to plant black walnuts as against apple trees. I think the answer is that the latter grow and the former do not.

R. H. MONTGOMERY

New York City

The late J. F. Jones, from whose Nursery catalogue the illustration in question was reproduced, was one of the most prominent Nurserymen in the country, having operated in the trade in locations North and South for years and consistently on the highest plane, as members of the American Association of Nurserymen, the Northern Nut Growers Association and other organizations of which he had long been a member, besides hundreds of others, will at-

Inasmuch as the Northern Nut Growers Association has by formal resolution, adopted in convention, advocated the planting of black walnut trees widely, under certain restrictions, as a promising practical development of nut culture; and inasmuch as evidence of comparatively early bearing of named varieties of the black walnut, has repeatedly appeared in print in various publi-

cations throughout the country in recent years, it seems desirable in view of the question raised by Mr. Montgomery that expression based upon experience should be made to regard to the matter at issue.

Unfortunate Experiences

I am rather in sympathy with the attitude of Mr. Robert H. Montgomery because he has had a more or less unfortunate experience. He first sent on \$100 to one of our former members, the only one ever in disgrace, in order to stock up with hazels. The \$100 was kept and the hazels never delivered. On the other hand, I suppose that the experience with black walnuts means that they do not do so well on the whole in Connecticut as they do in the rich lands farther south and west.

I have seen the Thomas walnut bearing nuts at three years in the Jones Nursery, and in Indiana I have seen the grafted black walnuts outgrow apple trees just as was described in the photograph, consequently the matter gets to be one of locality.

At Stamford there are some native black walnut seedlings which bear and fill the nuts well every year. On the other hand my Stabler, Thomas and Ohio black walnuts either as Nursery stock or when used for top-working on native black walnuts, do not bear promptly or fill their nuts well. In fact the subject is an elaborate one and our data not yet sufficient for good conclusions.

Some of my grafted hickories have done what was expected of them and others have been disappointing with slow growth and delayed bearing.

ROBERT T. MORRIS

New York City.

Photographs Absolutely True

Mr. Montgomery does not know whereof he speaks when he says those photographs are fakes. As a matter of fact, Mr. Jones carried the same on the front page of a supplement to his catalogue a few years ago, and it is strange that while he was alive no one questioned the accuracy thereof. I am in the picture standing beneath the black walnut tree, which is a Thomas. I forget the name of the gentleman standing by the apple tree. I believe he was the farm manager for the school.

At the time the photographs were taken it was so late in the day that I doubted whether good photographs could be taken. There were alternate rows of walnut and apple trees with corn between. Any of the trees there growing would have shown the same result if photographed; but these two were standing opposite each other in adjoining rows where the corn did not obstruct

The photographs are absolutely true and correct representations of the trees as they then were, as all the rest were in that orchard, the wainuts way ahead of the apples.

There were present, other than the two of us photographed: Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jones, and I believe their daughter, Mildred; Mrs. Weber and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin B. Rush, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hershey and others to me unknown.

I had heard of this grove and made the trip to be convinced that what I heard was correct. I believe the walnut trees came from the Nursery of Mr. Jones; but that he had not seen the orchard until we all went together. He was as much surprised as the rest of the party. It was he who took the pictures. The only inaccuracy is the statement that the photographs were taken at the Jones Nursery which no doubt was inadvertently made by you.

I also disagree with Mr. Montgomery, as to the slowness of growth of black walnut and hickory trees as contrary to my experience.

HARRY R. WEBER

Cincinnati. O.

Better and Faster Than Apple

Col. Montgomery's experience with the black walnut has been very different from mine here, where the trees grow about as fast as apple trees and bear much better. So far as I have observed in a number of other locations, they not only bear much better than apple trees but grow much faster.

WILLARD G. BIXBY

Baldwin, L. I., N. Y.

No Fake About the Picture

I do not believe there is any fake about the picture in question, if for no other reason than that this picture was used by the late J. F. Jones in his catalogue, which I have before me now. I knew Mr. Jones personally for about sixteen years, during which time I had many personal talks with him, much correspondence, and quite a few business deals, and I never knew him to knowingly misrepresent or exaggerate anything. I always considered his word 100%.

Neither do I question Mr. Montgomery's word about his own trees of which I know nothing, but I do not believe it fair to any industry to compare the whole industry and doubt others' success, by one's own experience.

When I received the April issue of the Journal I noted this page and passed on without even a thought of exaggeration or even of it being very unusual; for I believe the equal of this comparison in size and bearing could be found in many places. I have in mind now near here an apple orchard, and a number of walnut trees all planted about the same time on same kind of soil and very near each other where the walnut trees are much larger than the apple trees.

As to the Thomas walnut tree referred to bearing 123 nuts at five years old, this is of course good; but no doubt there are many budded walnut trees that have borne as well. My own trees have not had a chance to make any bearing record, due to having been cut for budwood and graftwood each season; but some of them have borne unusually well for the chance they have had, comparing very favorably with this tree. I have also seen trees in other sections bear-

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ing excellent growth and bearing remarkably well.

J. F. WILKINSON

Rockport, Ind.

What President Neilson Says

I have read with interest the comments of Mr. Robert H. Montgomery regarding the growth and bearing habits of black walnuts on his property, and regret to note the poor results he obtained. That Mr. Montgomery's experience is not a general one is proven by the existence of trees and plantations which have borne early and have made a good growth. One of the best examples of early bearing and productiveness was noted by the writer on the grounds of the Horticultural Experiment Station at Vineland, Ontario. Canada. In this plantation there is one tree, a Ten Eyck, which was planted in the spring of 1922 and which bore 197 nuts in the autumn of 1926. This tree also made a rapid growth, being about 14 feet tall with a spread of branches equal to its height. The writer has not had an opportunity to observe closely this tree since then but knows that it has grown well and borne good crops of nuts. Other trees of the same variety and other varieties have also done well in growth and fruitfulness in the same plantation.

In the state of Michigan there is a grove of 50 acres of black walnuts owned by Henry D. Wallace. Detroit. The majority of these trees have grown fairly well and some have reached a bearing age. There are also several good grafted black walnuts on J. H. Heurser's farm, at Hartford, Mich., which have grown well and borne fair crops of nuts.

It is not usually a safe policy to cite records of good growth and productiveness. or the lack of either, on the basis of the behavior of individual trees or plantations. There are so many available factors which may modify these characters that one is likely to get all sorts of results. In some cases where soil, site and cultural practices are good, exceptional results may be produced; but in others, where these desirable conditions are lacking, poor results are almost certain to follow. Because of this situation I cannot accept Mr. Montgomery's statements are being typical of all black walnut trees or plantations. There certainly are many individual trees and some groves where growth and fruitfulness are all that could reasonably be expected.

> J. A. NEILSON, President Northern Nut Growers Assn.

East Lansing, Mich.

An Eye-Witness Testifies

This picture was taken in August of the year of the convention in Lancaster or Easton, I forget which. I know Harry Weber and Mr. Jones called on us here in Downingtown and we three ran over to see the Westtown schools and took the picture with Mr. Jones' old German camera. The people in the picture are Mr. Weber, and Mr. Edgeton; the latter is orchard man at the schools.

The following is a measurement of the trees taken in the fall of 1929: "On the orchards of the Westtown Schools in southeastern Pennsylvania is a setting of Thomas blacks which is the most rapid growing variety known. Thirty odd trees, eight years old have all made a remarkable growth with a clean trunk 5 to 8 feet high. Their diameter, 4.5 feet from the ground measures

Engraving Which Caused a Black Walnut Controversy



BLACK WALNUT CULTURE IN NORTHERN STATES

Results attained in a Pennsylvania Test Orchard-Five-Year-Old Thomas Black Walnut Tree and Wealthy Apple Tree of Same Age, Photographed at Same Distance from the Camera. One Hundred and Twenty-Three Walnuts Were Counted on This Tree, While the Apple Tree Had Few Apples.

Engraving Reproduced from April Issue of American Nut Journal, Originally in Catalogue of J. F. Jones Nurseries, Lancaster, Pa.

Description of above engraving, as published by the late J. F. Jones, Lancaster, Pa., in his Nursery catalogue of spring 1927, is as follows:

"The Westtown School, Westtown, Pa., planted an orchard of my grafted black walnuts in 1922, and put in early bearing apple trees of the Wealthy variety as fillers. The walnut trees are much larger and bearing much better than the apple trees. We counted 123 nuts on one of the walnut trees and most of them were fruiting, while few of the apples were bearing and most of these had only a few specimens of fruit on them. The photo on the left, with Mr. Harry R. Weber, Ex-President of the Northern Nut Growers Association, Cincinnati, O., in the foreground, shows one of the Thomas Black Walnut trees and the one on the right shows one of the largest apple trees taken the same distance from the camera. This shows Mr. J. P. Edgerton, the Westtown Orchard man, in the foreground."

(of six average treees measured) minimum 5 inches, maximum 5.9 inches, the average being slightly over 5.3 inches. Many measured from seven to eight inches diameter. eighteen inches from the soil. The reason for the marked difference was the failure to prune the lower limbs until five years old. The height runs from 18 to 25 feeet."

Here is another one from J. F. Jones' test grove, measurements taken at the same time: "One individual Ohio walnut tree, 12 years of age, near Lancaster, standing on the edge of a test grove (with trees 30 ft. from it three ways) has a measurement at 12 years of age, three and a half feet from the ground, of 16 inches in diameter, with a height of at least twenty-five feet. A higher measure could not be made because it heads out at five feet and the enlargement would give a misleading dimension. What is more. the Ohio has been bearing since only a few years old. Under my observation it bore three bushels at 10 years of age and a half bushel last year with a two and a half bushel crop this year in an off nut year. While the seedling nuts go begging for a market at \$1 per bushel, the grafted ones sell readily for \$5 and more."

To this I will add the measurements made

in my test grounds on a row of thirteen trees, 6 years old, with Nursery stock planted three and a half feet from them on each side: Two made the light growth of 1.9 in., diameter, 41/2 feet from the ground, the largest measured 3 in., the balance making from 2.1 in. to 2.3 in.; their height running from 12 to 15 feet. In a block of 2000 Thomas trees 3 years old, planted 10 inches on the row, on rows four feet apart, the majority run from 8 to 10 feet high with a diameter at 41/4 feet from the ground averaging 1.1 inches.

The above measurements of these grafted trees is an average of many settings over the eastern United States and warrant consider-

To this I shall add the most interesting figures from the pen of Dr. Frank Baum, taken, from his run of Thomas black walnuts, in his 1200 tree setting in the fall of "Here are the measurements of two of my trees, 4 years old, 12 feet high: Caliper at 31/2 feet 21/2 inches; at 8 feet % inches. Second one 14 feet high, caliper at 31/2 feet 31/2 inches; at 8 feet, 1 1/8 inches."

Are these as large as apples? Let the "Doubting Thomases" get busy and measure up their apple trees. Mr. Montgomery re-

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FOUNDER OF AMERICAN NURSERY TRADE JOURNALISM

THE FIRST Nursery trade paper in America was established in 1806, as long-time Nursery concerns know, and for nearly thirteen years was conducted under the personal and exclusive direction of Ralph T. Olcott, of Rochecter, N. Y., who later founded the AMERICAN NURSERYMAN on broad and untrammeled lines.

"The denn of Nursery Trade Journal-ists."-John Watson.

A Policy Roundly Echoed

"Cultivated Americans, impatient with cheap sensationalism and windy bias, turn increasingly to publications edited in the historical spirit. These publications, fair-dealing, vigorously impartial, devote themselves to the public weal in the sense that they report what they see, serve no masters, fear no groups."-Time Magazine

Sound Distribution

"Distribution has been much stressed, perhaps correctly, by executives, organizations and business analysts as the present main problem of industry. Nevertheless, I am of the opinion that there can be no sound distribution that is not based on sound production

"To find and serve a market is to presuppose a capacity to produce economically, wastelessly. Buyers have a way of seeking out the producer who best serves them at the factory."-Charles Ault, Auburn, Me.

BOUGHT ON MERIT

The circulation of the "American Nurseryman" is bought by readers solely on editorial merit. It is never sold through schemes-cut rates, "clubbing," premiums and deferred payments never being em-

The Mirror of the Trade

EXTENSIVE GRAFTING CAMPAIGN

That there is keen interest in the possibilities of top grafting walnuts and hickories in Michigan is shown by numerous requests for demonstrations made to the Horticultural Department of the Michigan State College. In all one dozen demonstrations have been arranged for by James A. Neilson, nut specialist of the department, in cooperation with county agents in southwestern Michigan. These meetings have been well advertised and will be held between the dates of May 9th and 21st.

In addition to these public meetings the Horticultural Department plans to graft several hundred walnuts and hickory seedlings to choice varieties or strains suited to these species. A special effort will be made to propagate the best strains brought out by the nut tree survey during the season of 1929. In addition to these good sorts of local origin several promising strains have been brought in from other parts of the United States and Canada.

Tariff and other discussions in Congress may prevent consideration or even introduction of such measures as that of provision for an extension nut culturist [A. N. J. April p. 561 which U. S. Senator McNary has in mind. It was John W. Hershev's call at the office of Senator McNary in January and his suggestion of the idea that resulted in the senator's petition to the U.S. Dept. Agr. for an extension nut culturist.

A PRACTICE THAT PAYS

"We sell to Distributors only" is the wording of the announcement by the Mount Arbor Nurseries, Shenandoah, Ia., to emphasize the practice of that concern with regard to wholesale and retail business. It is a forceful conservative declaration of particular interest at this time of dire complaint by retailers regarding conditions they meet in regular course of business.

"We do not sell at wholesale to retail buyers" is along the same lines; it is the announcement which accompanies every trade journal advertisement by C. R. Burr & Co., Manchester, Conn.

The announcement by Jackson & Perkins Co., Newark, N. Y., in its trade advertisements "Wholesale Only" places that concern on record as indorsing and practicing the principle of trade ethics involved.

These instances illustrate the force of the argument in a recent issue [A. N. Apr. 15, p. 179] by Josiah J. Hazen and constitute full indorsement of the points made by Mr.

The value of such announcements in trade journal advertisements as we have quoted (practice, of course, strictly conforming thereto) is shown by Mr. Hazen's statement: "I know of one order of over \$2000 that went to a certain Nursery largely because it declined to quote or sell direct to a retail buyer."

T IS the character of the matter to which the attention of the reader is directed-rather than the quantity-that counts.

Discerning readers value this discrimination.

Burke said: "For goodness' sake, let us pass on!"

CONGRESS PASSES PATENT MEASURE

The plant patent measure, resulting from the earnest efforts of the A. A. N. committee on the subject and those of other horticultural organizations has been passed by both branches of Congress and awaits the President's signature.

Sponsors of the bill are to be congratulated upon the result of their persistent worka result that should greatly encourage efforts along other lines needing legislative or other official favorable action.

ITALIAN NURSERYMEN RUSHED

In the world-wide interest which attaches to the celebration in Italy by a six-months tribute, of the 2000 anniversary of the birth of the poet Virgil in Mantua, October 15, an event of special significance to Nurserymen is the fact that Italian gardeners are "furiously busy planting the Lucus Virgili (Virgilian Wood) a great new park on the outskirts of Mantua, a modern version of the sacred groves of the ancient Romans to honor their gods and goddesses. Because, says Time magazine, Poet Virgil mentioned 25,000 trees, shrubs and plants in his lengthy lays, specimens of these are being planted in the Lucus." Italian Nurserymen must be rushed in the search to supply this unusual demand for kinds of stock-an experience quite unlike that attending observance of anniversaries and special "days" in America.

Horticultural Census Plans

Appointment of E. L. D. Seymour, associate editor of F. E. and H. T. W. as chairman of the Advisory Committee of Trade Interests on the 1930 Census of Horticulture, soon to be made by the Government, was announced May 13 by the United States Bureau of the Census. Mr. Seymour will represent the trade press and florist interests, serving, in the latter connection, on behalf of A. T. De La Mare, chairman of the S. A. F. Census Committee. William Flemer, Jr. of the Princeton Nurseries, Princeton, N. J. and chairman of the Executive Committee of the A. A. N. was named to represent the Nurseries; David Burpee of the W. Atlee Burpee Co., Philadelphia, will represent the seed trade; W. A. Sperling, secretary of Stumpp & Walter Co., New York City, will act for the bulb trade, and Dr. L. C. Corbett of the Bureau of Plant Industry will represent the Department of Agriculture on the Advisory Committee.

The Bureau now has under consideration a recommendation that six schedules should be used in the special mail canvass, these covering respectively: (1) Flowers, plants and vegetables grown under glass and flowers grown in the open; (2) flower and vegetable seed production; (3) Nurseries; (4) bulb farms; (5) mushrooms; and (6) Blueberries (including Huckleberries). Tentative schedules have been prepared and will be printed as soon as approved; mailing lists are now being compiled and the schedules will be sent out early in June.-Florists Exchange.

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The manager of the Magic City Nursery Co., Birmingham, Ala., Joe Spencer Smith, died suddenly last month. In two years' time he had developed the Nursery to the extent of 75 acres.

Another Question of Ethics Arises

Showing Again the Immediate Need of Radical Correction of American Association of Nurserymen Policies

Editor American Nurseryman:

The new book, "Landscaping the Home Grounds," by L. W. Ramsey, is already attracting considerable favorable comment from Nurserymen and the general press all over the country. Some of the large Nursery concerns are considering special editions to use in advertising. This morning from the West Coast comes a letter from a practical Nurseryman: "This book is the best of its kind to date without exception."

Some few Nurserymen, we understand, have said that because of his connection with the American Association of Nurserymen, Mr. Ramsey should turn over the proceeds of his book to the association.

In justice to Mr. Ramsey and to his book, it should be said that no part of the material in "Landscaping the Home Grounds," text or illustrations, is the property of the association, nor was prepared for or by the association. Specializing as it does in Nursery advertising, Mr. Ramsey's office has, of course, a large supply of its own photographs and other materials prepared at considerable cost. From its own stock, the Ramsey Company has loaned generously to the A. A. N. without charge, but we are assured that any and all material prepared for the Nurserymen's Campaign is immediately stamped with the A. A. N. name and never used for any Ramsey Company material other than for subscribers who have contributed to the Campaign.

Furthermore we may say, as Mr. Ramsey's publishers, that in order to allow a low selling price, so as to give his book the widest possible general distribution (to the benefit of the Nursery industry) and to enable us to make attractive prices to Nurserymen themselves for quantity purchases, Mr. Ramsey accepted extremely modest royalties. or this reason, it is doubtful if his return from "Landscaping the Home Grounds" will repay even the actual money he has spent

to prepare the book, to say nothing of his own time and the experience required.

His purpose in writing the book was essentially to help the cause of home planting. The book is his own material entirely; the Nursery industry owes Mr. Ramsey a debt of gratitude for the unquestionable impetus it will give to sales of plant material. Most Nurserymen recognize this and many are planning to use the bookdefinitely in special editions to increase their own businesses.

H. A. STEVENSON, Manager Horticultural Department The Macmillan Company

New York City May 24, 1030

A question of ethics is involved in the complaint registered in the second paragraph of the above communication, as coming from Nurserymen presumably members of the American Association of Nurserymen.

Members of the American Association of Nurserymen should realize that, regardless of the merits of the particular criticism above referred to, the association is not now and for a long time has not been in tenable position to cite the application of ethical principles to the action of others. Its influence in matters of this kind has been reduced to low ebb by practices which have grown up within the organization.

The subject need not be pursued at this time. We have assurances that radically corrective measures will be applied at the Minneapolis convention of the association, so that in time the influence of the organization may have force in matters of legislation adequate to the needs of the trade, as well as in numerous instances of ethical observance generally.

Plant Patent Promoters

Paul Stark, Louisiana, Mo., suggests that expression of appreciation of the efforts of those directly active in the passing by Congress of the plant patent bill would be appreciated by them and cites the following as especially deserving of the thanks of the commercial horticultural industry:

Sen. John G. Townsend, Jr. (sponsor of bill), Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C.

Hon. Fred S. Purnell (sponsor of the bill), House Office Building, Washington, D. C.

Sen. Charles W. Waterman, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C.

Hon. Albert H. Vestal, chairman House Patent Committee, House Office Building, Washington, D. C.

Hon. Arthur M. Hyde, Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Hon. Thomas E. Robertson, Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D. C.

Everglades Park—The project for a nation park in the Everglades section of Florida, previously referred to in these columns, is the subject of recent discussion in connection with a bill for investigation regarding the project passed in Congress at the instigation of Senator Duncan A. Fletcher.

A Question of Nursery Ethics

Editor American Nurseryman:

An increasing number of prospective customers are asking for wholesale prices, and some of them claim that "other" nurseries are granting them wholesale prices for various reasons; to grain dealers, for instance. Others give the names of Nurseries which have granted them wholesale prices and they feel they should also get wholesale prices from us.

I wrote to a Nursery in Ohio after a Mr. H. M. Davison advised me that this Nursery furnished him shrubbery and perennials at wholesale, but the Nursery answered me as follows: "We have checked up our records and do not find where we have ever done any business with him."

In case any one should state that The Garden Nurseries or A. E. Wohlert gives wholesale prices to retail buyers, you may take for granted that they are much mistaken or just plain liars. I believe it behooves all Nurserymen to check up very carefully on prospective buyers who want to ring in as Nurserymen.

A. E. WOHLERT
Narberth, Pa. The Garden Nurseries

Sav you saw it in "American Nurseryman"

Special Importations Limit

Provision is made in Regulation 14 of the Rules and Regulations supplemental to Quarantine 37, Nursery Stock, Plant and Seed Quarantine, for the importation under permit "in limited quantities and under conditions and safeguards to be prescribed in such permits, of Nursery stock and other plants and seeds * * * for the purpose of keeping the country supplied with new varieties and necessary propagating stock or for any necessary experimental, educational or scientific purpose."

Ten years have elapsed since this quarantine became effective and it is now believed that the horticultural interests of this country have had ample opportunity to build up stocks of standard varieties of plants and adjust their operations to the new conditions which followed the promulgation of the quarantine in 1919. It appears that this period of readjustment has largely passed, since most growers have recently confined their requests for special permit stock to small quantities of new species and varieties or novelties. It is evident, therefore, that there is no necessity for the continued assumption of needless pest risk through further importations of these restricted plants in such large numbers as has heretofore been permitted.

The new limitations, effective July 1, 1930, fix the maximum quantity of each genus or type that may be imported for propagation by any permittee in any one year. Within this maximum quantity, species and named varieties not available in the United States may be imported in any quantity desired.

For example, a permittee may import 1000 rose plants of any one variety not already available in this country, or one or more plants of several such varieties, provided his total rose importations for the year do not exceed 1000 plants. Moreover, a permittee may exhaust his limit each year thereafter in making further importations of such varieties, until they have become available for propagation purposes in the United States.

Special Lots of Seedlings

Many inquiries were received this spring concerning the special lots of tree seedlings made available through the South Dakota Nurserymen's Association. These were obtained by communicating with the headquarters of the association at Colton, S. D. One lot of trees was sold for \$3.25 while another lot, especially prepared for rural school plots, was available for \$5. The association is composed of the Nurserymen of South Dakota. They cooperated in this endeavor for the purpose of encouraging tree planting. The lots of seedlings were offered to the people at a price that is considerably below actual cost.

Olaf Dannesboe, San Diego, Cal., Nurseryman, has sued the Oil Products Company for \$5000, claiming that the company delivered 3000 gallons of fuel oil that proved one-third water, damaging his heating plant and causing loss of valuable crops which were denied needed heat.

From Unadilla, N. Y., we hear that Charles Jackson, Unadilla Nurseries, who has this spring landscaped the grounds of Congressman Clarke, the Masonic Temple and the D. M. Ferry estate has "the largest variety of Nursery stock in New York State."

Vulnerable Chestnuts Made Immune to Blight

By G. A. Zimmerman, Harrisburg, Pa., After Years of Persistent Endeavor—Will Soon Have Plenty of Chestnuts for His Own Use—Other Research

Editor American Nurseryman:

Answering yours of recent date, relative to my work on the chestnut blight, I wish to say that my results are extremely satisfactory, far more so than I dared hope for during the beginning of the experiments.

I have during the past few years put an immunity into some of the most vulnerable chestnuts that we have, like the Rochester, Fuller, Paragon, etc., that is equal to that of any Chinese chestnuts that I have seen, and which took perhaps thousands of years to acquire in the natural way.

So far as I personally am concerned I have removed it from the experimental stage, have abandoned a lot of the work that I was fooling with and am doing none now except that which will lead to practical results.

I had more chestnuts last fall from a couple of immunized plants than I have had in all these years from all my Japanese and Chinese chestnut trees put together. Almost every one of those nuts has germinated now and some are planted.

My trouble up to this time, and still exists, is to get stock that is sufficiently resistant to work with. If I take scions from an immunized plant, graft on to the native American stock, the stock soon dies after grafting it and of course going with that is the graft also. When I started this work, I had expected to immunize three or four of the best plants. Now I have some 40, and perhaps half of that number is well under way.

Incidentally I have abandoned all hope of other methods that I had in mind. Building up an induced immunity is the easiest and most satisfactory, and in fact the only method that I can see that will ever give us an American chestnut again during our lifetime regardless of what others may say about the chestnut coming back.

It will take from 20 to 150 years yet, according to my experiments, before the native chestnut has acquired enough immunity ever to keep it from dying back to the ground, and there are very few of the roots that will remain alive during that time. The root systems of the native chestnut are gradually giving way under the constant strain of dying back, growing out and again dying back, and so on.

A practical method would be to select small areas where some of the sprouts were coming along, inject a lot of those trees in those areas. They could soon be raised to the point where while they might blight, would not die back. Then if the nuts were given a little care, new sprouts would soon develop from the seed, thereby replacing the others. This, however, is too big a job for one man, and especially when he has to make his living at something else.

I have the chestnut now so well under way that in a very few years I will have plenty of chestnuts for my own use, and am therefore turning my attention to other things largely,—namely the pear blight and black knot on the plum, which have put the pear and plum out of business in my district, and which work I started a couple of years ago.

In addition I want to start about half a dozen or so other experiments this summer. I guess some of our good friends who were so shocked and probably thought I was a little off in the noodle when I started with the chestnut blight, would think I am about ready for the bug-house now, if they ever hear what I have started out to do.

G. A. ZIMMERMAN

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Other Important Chestnut Work In the East

By Robert T. Morris, 114 East 54th St. New York City

So many letters are being received relating to the hybrid chestnuts which I showed at the recent meeting of the N. N. G. A., that I am answering them all together in this contribution.

Something over twenty years ago when the chestnut blight became a serious matter in Connecticut I looked for resistant species and varieties for the purpose of making hybrids. Twenty-six different kinds were brought together on my country place at Stamford, Ct. The report here must consist of running comments rather than accurate records because of the loss of my notebooks on the occasion of a fire in the

By way of hand pollination a good many hybrids were made between various species and varieties of chestnuts. The most notable of these relate to crosses made by placing pollen of the American sweet chestnut upon pistillate flowers of the chinkapin. In fact the chinkapin has been the mother plant of all of my Castanea hybrids

because of its conveniently low form. The chinkapin has been highly resistant to blight but its nuts of best quality are too small for commercial purposes.

The American sweet chestnut crossed with the chinkapin gave hybrids of two widely different types. The ones which promised to develop in large tree form and with large nuts of high quality were particularly vulnerable to the blight like the sweet chestnut parent. Hybrids representing the chinkapin parent on the other hand proved to be resistant to the blight and to carry the chinkapin characteristic of early and prolific bearing. The nuts carried high quality like that of both parents but were for the most part small.

Out of the large number of hybrids in this group I chose only two which were valuable for size of nuts, quality and blight resistance and therefore worthy of being propagated.

Hybrid No. 1 at first bore one nut to the burr but of later years carries two or three nuts to the burr regularly. The burrs occur singly or in small clusters, like those of the American sweet chestnut.

Hybrid No. 2 on the other hand has continued to bear clusters of burrs in the form of a long raceme with one nut to the burr as a rule.

The nuts of Hybrid No. 1 ripen about September 18th and the nuts of No. 2 ripen about the first of October at Stamford.

The leaves of No. 1 and No. 2 are much larger than those of either parent. The trees promise to become larger than others of the chinkapin type.

Bearing began as I remember about the fourth year from seed.

All of my hybrids have been grown in the midst of dying American chestnut trees or their dying stump sprouts which appeared subsequently. Consequently the test has been a severe one.

Hybrids No. 1 and No. 2 now and then blowed the beginning of blight at the site of a wind crack or squirrel scratch perhaps on smaller branches. When these were cut out the blight did not extend.

At about the thirteenth or fourteenth year both No. 1 and No. 2 showed blight near the base of the trunk. I cut the trees down and the vigorous sprouts from their stumps were bearing again two years later. The laregst ones of these have again shown signs of blight near the base and I shall cut them out preparatory to experimental treatment to be noted later on in this article.

No. 1 and No. 2 have borne at least fifteen annual crops of nuts during about twenty years and consequently would have been profitable as a commercial proposition, regardless of the interruptions caused by blight.

Hybrid No. 3 is remarkable in several ways. It has very large leaves of peculiar bluish-green effect caused by soft gray pubescence on the under side suggestive of leaf color arrangement in the golden chinkapin of the Pacific Coast. The leaves are much larger than those of either parent and this hybrid promises to make a large and wonderfully beautiful tree.

Its blight history is that of No. 1 and No. 2, but it has grown in height as much as five feet in a single year.

The nuts are quite as peculiar as the leaves in their lack of resemblance to the nuts of either parent. They are strongly suggestive of the golden chinkapin both in the way in which they are borne in clusters and because of their rounded triangle in shape and squat appearance. Though small they are delicious.

Nuts do not appear until the tree is perhaps twenty-five feet in height and they are not borne abundantly as yet. I do not know what the future history of this Bluegreen will be and it may bear more profusely in later years, but as an ornamental tree it is bound to be a beauty when grown out of the region of blight or when blight loses its virulence in the east. It resists disease pretty well anyway.

Sometimes when sending out descriptions I have called No. 3 a cross between the

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Great Surprise Awaits the Japanese Beetle

prise awaits the Japanese Beetle this summer when it emerges from the ground. It will find one of its strongest Oriental foes firmly entrenched in the same territory where it has romped undisturbed for nearly fifteen years. During the last eighteen months, the entomologists at the Japanese Beetle Laboratory at Moorestown have successfully planted 130 colonies of the Tiphia popilliavora, a parasitic enemy of the beetle in strategic points in eight counties in both New Jersey and Pennsylvania with the sole object of bringing the beetle ultimately under control, in the United States, as it has been checked in Japan.

Since August, 1928, the Japanese Beetle Laboratory has planted colonies of this one species of parasites in the counties of Burlington, Mercer, Camden, Gloucester, Atlantic, Bucks, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia, with isolated colonies at Harrisburg, New York and New Haven.

Herbert P. Freeman, veteran Nurseryman, Rochester, N. Y., died May 26, aged 75. For more than twenty years he was sales manager for Chase Brothers Co.

Motion Pictures of Plant Growth-An elaborate motion picture plant for taking micromotion pictures of plant cells in the process of growth and making cinema records of the growth of root hairs and plants invisible to the naked eye has been installed at the Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research, Yonkers, N. Y. Complete action pictures of the behavior of the food-absorbing mechanisms of plants will be taken.

kell has been appointed extension plant pathologist, Office of Cooperative Extension Work, U. S. Dept. Agr., effective May 16, 1930. He succeeds Fred C. Meier who recently was placed in charge of the new office of Barberry Eradication, Bureau of Plant Industry. Dr. Haskell comes to the extension field from the Bureau of Plant Industry where, as head of the Plant Disease Survey, for several years he has been in close contact with plant disease control problems.

Borer Thick as One's Finger—Dr. E. P. Felt, Director of the Bartlett Tree Research Laboratories, Stamford, Conn., states that a is causing serious rhododendron in-The full-grown borers are about two inches long and as thick through as a man's finger. They work at the very base of the stem and in the larger roots within nine inches of the stem, digging broad, oval "galleries" and destroying the stem and in the stem. leries" and destroying the smaller roots

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The annual banquet will be held on the evening of July 16.

A principal speaker for the second day will be E. St. Elmo Lewis, Detroit, Mich., whose subject is "What of the National Advertising Campaign."

TRANSPORTATION

Class I railroads in the first three months of 1930 had a net railway operating income of \$176,253,624, which was at the annual rate of return of 3.56 per cent on their property investment, according to reports just filed by the carriers with the Bureau of Railway Economics. In the first three months of 1929, their net railway operating income was \$259,323,783 or 5.35 per cent on their property investment.

Property investment is the value of road and equipment as shown by the books of the railways, including materials, cash and supplies. The net railway operating income is what is left after the payment of operating expenses, taxes and equipment rentals but before interest and other fixed charges are paid. Class I railroads in the first three months

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This compilation as to earnings for the three months of 1930 is based on reports from 172 Class I railroads representing a total of 242,354 miles.

That the total cost of freight transportation on improved rivers and canals usually is and will continue to be greater than by rail, and that the development of inland waterways will adversely affect the national prosperity by increasing the total taxes that must be paid by the public more than it will reduce freight rates, was contended by Samuel O. Dunn, editor of the Railway Age, in a discussion of "Water Transportation Costs and Rates" at the recent annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

William W. Carr, Yellow Springs, O., died May 7, aged 86. He was a well-known Nur-seryman who had been in the business for 60 years. Surviving are his sons, O. E. Carr, Yellow Springs, and George Carr, Wichita. Kan., besides two daughters.

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Official recognition of the situation was shown recently in a conference at Boston of state officials and representatives of fruit growers organizations of New England and New York. At that time plans for experimental work with methods for combating the apple maggot more effectively were discussed, while a system of orchard inspection which would make possible the "certification" of apples to the English authorities was considered.

That New York State had already taken steps to aid its growers in meeting the restrictions imposed by Great Britain was shown by an outline presented by P. J. Parrott, entomologist at the State Experiment Station at Geneva, of proposed new lines of investigations to be inaugurated this season. A special appropriation of \$37,000 was made immediately available by the legislature for advancing this work.

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Tree-Planting Advice-"Plant thick, thin quick" was the conclusion of a recent group meeting of park superintendents, declared Henry Hicks, noted horticulturist, speaking before the Fifth Annual Shade Tree Conference held in Brooklyn, N. Y. Planting trees thickly provides protection against drying wind and hot sun and run-off of the Thinning quick provides for the inrain. dividual specimen to develop its full beauty.

Production of Lily Bulbs

In his recently issued circular on the production of lily bulbs [A. N. May 15, p. 224] Dr. David Griffiths, U. S. Dept. Agr. considers the methods needed to insure a satisfactory supply of bulbs for sale each year, and discusses the differences in the stocks suitable for the bulb market and stocks desirable for the bulb market and stocks desirable for propagation. He gives detailed information on methods of culture, and the soils and climatic conditions most favorable to desirable development of lily bulbs. He reviews the problems of marketing, the pests of the lily family, and comments on some of the greenhouse problems that deal with production of flowers at other than the usual seasons.

with production of flowers at other than the usual seasons.

Some amateur gardeners will be particularly interested in the directions Dr. Griffiths gives for the hybridization of lilies through artificial pollenization. He says that many desirable hybrids have been lost because the breeders did not work up adequate stock for perpetuation of the variety, and he tells how he multiplied stock of a hybrid from seed sown in 1918. A single bulb was selected in 1924 and by 1929 this had been multiplied to a propagation of 10,000 in August, 1929.

"The production of lily bulbs in America is a comparatively new venture," says Dr. Griffiths, "although the garden culture of lilies is an old one. The industry has received a decided impetus in the last few years, due in the largest measure to the discovery that the production of the stocks presents no unusual difficulties; indeed, most of the species may be grown easily in the regions of the country adapted to their development. Few groups of plants present such diversity of reproductive adaptation.

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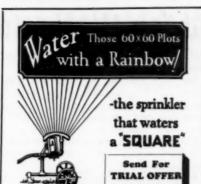
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Chinese chestnut and the chinkapin, but in future shall call this "Blue-green" No. 3, because it belongs with the sweet chestnuts and chinkapin group. This will not cause confusion because scions of any No. 3 have not gone out as yet.

Curiously enough there was another blue-green among these hybrids but it was more vulnerable to the blight and I have never carried it up to a bearing stage.

I do not know by what reversion to some ancestor two blue-green trees should have appeared, the only ones among a large number of hybrids between the same parents and made in the same year. The squat triangular nut seems to be a throw-back also. Its flavor does not belong to either parent.

Hybrid No. 4 is a cross between the Chinese chestnut and the chinkapin. Only one of these trees has come into bearing with a small crop at about the fifteenth year. Because of this lateness of bearing it may not be especially desirable. But if grafted upon other stock it may bear much earlier, according to the history of grafted trees in general. The nut is of the good quality of both parents with a size like that of the Chinese parent. There is usually

one somewhat quadrate nut and two false nuts to the burr.

The tree will not be large but widespreading. The diameter of the trunk at the somewhat irregular base will measure something over 7 inches while the tree is little more than 12 ft. in height.

The leaves are glossy and cannot be distinguished readily from those of the Chinese parent.

At the present moment the chief advautage of this No. 4 rests in our ability to set it out in the worst infected blight regions with a certainty that it will be practically immune, and will go into bearing sooner or later—even though we have to wait for it.

A lower limb starting near the ground had its bark injured two or three years ago. Blight attacked the injured bark but the tree overcame this and that particular limb was fully leaved and bore nuts this year (1929). A very severe test. The tree is going to care for itself.

No. 5 is a cross between the Japanese chestnut and the chinkapin. It is highly resistant to the blight. The leaves are smaller than those of either parent. Its nuts are borne in heavy clusters with two or three nuts to the burr. They are small and of the second-rate quality belonging to Japanese hybrids in general.

To my mind the particular value of hybrid No. 5 rests in the fact that this big spreading shrub bears nuts in such enormous profusion that it will be of value for setting out upon game preserves where anything from turkeys to quail will feast upon the crop.

Reference has been made in some of my previous notes to a highly valuable American sweet chestnut which is extremely susceptible to the blight. It cannot be introduced excepting in regions that are free from this pest.

The nut is large and beautiful and the tree comes into bearing in the second or third year after being grafted upon other stock. The nut is very sweet and colored with alternating stripes of two shades of chestnut. I have named it the "Merribrooke" and two Nurserymen have it in stock already.

Connecticut's Exhibition—The exhibition of the Connecticut Horticultural Society which will be held in the Hartford State Armory Sept. 12-14, will be known as the "All-Connecticut Horticultural Exposition," and it is felt will eclipse anything of the kind ever staged in the state and probably in New England. The Hartford Chamber of Commerce will serve, as usual, in the capacity of official reception committee.

Organizations now planning exhibits include: State Department of Agriculture, Farm Bureau, Extension Service, State Experiment Stations, Connecticut Agricultural Colleges, State Highway Department, Landscape Division, State Forestry Commission, State Park Commission, Connecticut Vegetable Growers' Association, Hartford Market Gardeners' Association, Connecticut Nurserymen's Association, Connecticut Pomological Society, Beekeepers'

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Nurseryman's Honor Defended

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marks: "You ask why planters hesitate to plant black walnuts as against apple trees. I think the answer is that the latter grow and the former do not." Note Mr. Montgomery only thinks the decision; he is not sure.

I wish to state confidently and candidly, one of the reasons is because improper care prevents the trees from doing what they could; and the owners, like Mr. Montgomery, blame the species instead of himself. Don't I know? Dozens of people refuse to change their tree planting tactics from what they use on other trees when planting and caring for nut trees and they have Mr. Montgomery's results. I could fill a book of failures of trees planted just right in the eyes of the planter. But nature don't give a whoop for any individual's petty methods if it don't suit the species of tree applied to.

Regarding Mr. Montgomery's trees planted years ago: I'll prove they will grow if he changes from his "every care and attention" to what I term my every care and attention. What is more, I'll bet him \$500 if he let's me plant as many walnuts as he desires of the Thomas or Ohio variety, same size as apples planted at the same time, and let them be under my care, they will do as well as in his so called "faked photo."

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I do not believe the picture in the Journal referred to by Mr. Montgomery was faked or even unintentionally exaggerated. I am quite sure that for many people, transplanted grafted black walnut trees have made as much growth and sometimes borne as precociously and heavily as the one shown in the picture.

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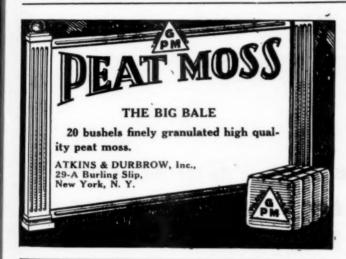
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